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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y-TEXT (THROUGHOUT)

PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. BOURNE

PASS CEQ FOR WARREN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UN OCON SENV

SUBJECT: UN WATER CONFERENCE: "WATER POLICIES IN THE OCCUPIED

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TERRITORIES"

REF: MAR DEL PLATA 0047 (NOTAL); STATE 063040 (NOTAL)

1. THE "WATER POLICIES IN THE OCCUPOED TERRITORIES"

RESOLUTION (E/CONF.70/C.2/L.10) WAS VOTED ON IN

COMMITTEE II ON MARCH 23. THE ISRAELIS SPOKE AND

REQUESTED A VOTE, THE LIBYANS FOLLOWED IN DUE COURSE, REQUESTING A ROLL CALL VOTE. (SEVERAL DELEGATIONS SPOKE PRIOR TO THE VOTE.) THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AS A WHOLE, 55-7(US)-27 (AND WE CONSIDER THIS A POSITIVE OUTCOME). JOINING THE US IN VOTING AGAINST THE RESOLUTION WAS COSTA RICA, CANADA, FRG, NETHERLANDS, UK, AND ISRAEL. MANY LATINS ABSTAINED ON THE RESOLUTION, INCLUDING SUCH SURPRISES AS MEXICO, ARGENTINA, PERU, URUGUAY, COLOMBIA, AND BRAZIL (JAPAN, THAILAND, PARAGUAY, HONDURAS, GUATEMALA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, DENMARK, FINLAND, SWEDEN, SWAZILAND, AND CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE ALSO ABSTAINED,) AS IS APPARENT BY THE VOTE, A SIZABLE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WERE ABSENT. AFTER THE VOTE, THE US DELEGATE MADE AN EXPLANATION OF VOTE STATEMENT, PER STATE 063040.

2. THE RESOLUTION WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PLENARY EITHER THURSDAY AFTERNOON OR FRIDAY. WITHIN THE WESTERN EUROPEAN GROUP, THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES MIGHT BE MOVED FROM THEIR ABSTENTION POSITIONS: FRANCEAN AUSTRALIA, ITALY, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, AND PORTUGAL. FURTHER, SOME COUNTIES WHO VOTED AGAINST THE RESOLUTION IN THE COMMITTEE ARE NOT CERTAIN THEY WILL REMAIN SO IN PLENARY. THEY WILL BE SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS. THUS, IF APPROPRIATE AND TIMELY, APPROACHES TO CAPITALS IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE BORDERLINE (ABSTENTION GROUP) AND THE EC-9 VOTERS AGAINST THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US HERE.

3. FYI: THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION WAS AMENDED IN TWO MAJOR RESPECTS. FIRST BY GAMBIA WHICH MADE THE FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL

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ADDITION TO PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 2 "TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE STATEMENTS ( MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UN COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA AND THE PLO"; AND SECOND BY DEMOCRATIC YEMEN WHO INSERTED THE WORD "APARTHEID" IN PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 2 AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 AFTER THE WORDS "RACIAL DISCRIMINATION". IN ADDITION, IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 THE WORD "ADOPTED" WAS DELETED. END FYI. RAWLS

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